

## FACTS

- MOST SEX OFFENDERS KNOW THEIR VICTIMS.
- FEW SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE REPORTED.
- WHILE MOST SEX OFFENDERS ARE MALE, FEMALES ALSO COMMIT SEXUAL CRIMES.
- 1 IN 5 GIRLS AND 1 IN 7 BOYS ARE SEXUALLY ABUSED BY AGE 18.

## RESOURCES

### [WWW.DPSCS.STATE.MD.US](http://WWW.DPSCS.STATE.MD.US)

**MARYLAND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY** - SEARCH FOR ANY REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER BY NAME OR ZIP CODE. IN ADDITION TO THE OFFENDER'S REGISTRATION INFORMATION, A PHOTOGRAPH WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED. THIS SITE PROVIDES THE CRITERIA FOR EACH OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION AS WELL AS THE RELEVANT LAWS.

### [WWW.NSOPR.GOV](http://WWW.NSOPR.GOV)

**THE NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY** IS A PUBLIC DATABASE THAT PROVIDES SEX OFFENDER INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN THE UNITED STATES BASED ON NAME OR ZIP CODE.

### [WWW.MISSINGKIDS.COM](http://WWW.MISSINGKIDS.COM)

**NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN (NCMEC)** PROVIDES SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS NATIONWIDE IN THE PREVENTION OF ABDUCTED, ENDANGERED AND SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN. IT SERVES AS A NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.

## MARYLAND SEX OFFENDER ALERT LINE

**1.866.559.8017**

REGISTER YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND ZIP CODE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION CALL WHEN AN OFFENDER MOVES INTO YOUR ZIP CODE.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**  
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AT 240-773-5445.



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## FAMILY CRIMES DIVISION PEDOPHILE SECTION SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

**240-773-5400**

## WHY A SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY?

IN 1995, THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY WAS CREATED IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS ABOUT CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY. THE REGISTRY IS A TOOL THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOLS TO MONITOR THE WHEREABOUTS OF CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS.

## WHAT IS THE SORU?

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY UNIT (SORU), IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING AND MONITORING CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS AND NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC WHEN A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER MOVES INTO THE COMMUNITY.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY?

THE PURPOSE OF THE SORU IS TWO-FOLD: TO TRACK AND MONITOR SEX OFFENDERS; AND TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC WHEN AN OFFENDER MOVES INTO THE COUNTY, WITH THE GOAL OF ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY. THE UNIT WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (SAO), MARYLAND STATE POLICE (MSP), PAROLE & PROBATION (P&P), IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (I.C.E.), CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS) AND OTHERS, TO MANAGE SEX OFFENDERS.

## WHO MUST REGISTER?

ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A SEX OFFENSE, IN ANY JURISDICTION, MUST REGISTER UNDER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES ACCORDING TO MARYLAND LAW.

1. CHILD SEX OFFENDER
2. OFFENDER
3. SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENDER
4. SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR

CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS LIVING, WORKING OR ATTENDING SCHOOL IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MUST REGISTER IN PERSON WITH THE SORU UPON SENTENCING OR RELEASE FROM JAIL. JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNLESS CONVICTED AS AN ADULT.

REGISTRANTS ARE FINGERPRINTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED TWICE PER YEAR. IN ADDITION, THE REGISTRANT MUST SIGN A FORM ACKNOWLEDGING HIS/HER COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES.

## LENGTH OF REGISTRATION

MOST SEX OFFENDERS MUST REGISTER FOR LIFE; HOWEVER OTHERS, SUCH AS THOSE CONVICTED OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OR A MISDEMEANOR SEX OFFENSE, MAY ONLY BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR 10 YEARS.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF AN OFFENDER FAILS TO REGISTER?

THE SORU CONDUCTS SPOT CHECKS OF OFFENDERS TO ENSURE THAT THE OFFENDER IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH MARYLAND LAW.

WHILE MOST REGISTRANTS ARE COMPLIANT, OTHERS MAY FAIL TO REGISTER OR MAY PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION ON THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR TO THE SORU. IF THE REGISTRANT IS NON-COMPLIANT, CHARGES CAN BE ISSUED AND THE OFFENDER MAY BE FOUND GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR OR A FELONY AND MAY BE INCARCERATED OR FINED.

## COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION AND OUTREACH

THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION IS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND DETER THE REGISTRANT FROM RE-OFFENDING. COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS ARE MADE WHEN AN OFFENDER MOVES INTO THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY:

- DOOR-TO-DOOR DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATIONAL FLYERS
- PUBLIC ACCESS TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY INTERNET SITES
- SCHOOL NOTIFICATION
- MONTHLY MULTI-AGENCY NOTIFICATION
- COMMUNITY MEETINGS

UPON REQUEST, THE SORU PROVIDES PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS, CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE REGISTRY AND INTERNET SAFETY.